

Hike your UF team gift; earn a chance for extra vacation

Paid vacation days and trips to Toronto are the prizes in a drawing for KIH employees whose teams boost their average United Foundation gift this year.

To qualify for the drawing, employees must both pledge to UF and be part of a team whose average contribution rises by at least 20%.

Forty-eight prizes of two days of paid vacation will be apportioned based on team size. Winners of the three grand prizes—a weekend for two in Toronto—will be drawn from participants eligible for the team drawing.

The 20% goal stems from K mart's role as a pacemaker company. Pacemakers run their UF campaign earlier than other firms and aim for substantial increases to set an example for other companies.

"To meet our goal, we're asking employees to give their 'fair share' if they aren't already doing so," said Samuel G. Loftwich, (president and UF chairman).

K mart also asks employees already giving their "fair share" to consider a 10% increase, Loftwich added.

He urged those who now pledge tokens to raise their gift substantially, and preferably to the "fair share" level.

K mart defines "fair share" as six-tenths of one percent of an employee's pay. This is one hour's pay per month or three minutes a day. (United Foundation suggests one percent.)

The KIH campaign runs through September 30. Team captains have details of the campaign and the drawings.



Pledging to UF is only one way to make an impact. Many KIH employees also volunteer to work with UF agencies. Above, Terry Harwell (financial advisor) enjoys a picnic on the beach with Steve Almader (15) of Madison Heights, Harwell's "little brother" from the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

No doubt there's a fish on the line-- and it's contest material to boot!

Some might call it beginner's luck. But Theresa Wilson (personnel and management development) jokes that she in certain it was skill.

Last month, Wilson reeled in a 3½-foot, 21½-pound Chinook salmon, big enough to enter the Stroh's Salmon Derby, an annual summer contest for the largest registered Lake Michigan salmon.

Wilson caught the fish at 6 am August 11, with a 51-foot line in 95-foot waters, off the port of Onekama, near Manistee.

She used an Eagle Claw rod, Penn 369 reel with a 25-pound test line, and a pearl J plug, black ladder back as a lure.

When Wilson landed the Chinook, she had no idea the catch could win her a prize in the derby. First prize was a fishing boat valued at nearly \$20,000, but Wilson thinks her fish will take a smaller prize of \$50 worth of fishing tackle.

"I didn't know my fish was considered big," Wilson says. "But the fellow whose boat we were on is an avid fisherman and knew just by looking at it that it was a good size. He wanted us to weigh it before it lost any weight (through dehydration), but I said we should fish a little longer and see if we could catch another one."

They put the salmon on ice and fished for a few more hours, catching more salmon, but none like Wilson's first.

Reeling in a Chinook can be a struggle even for an avid fishing enthusiast like Wilson, who's been casting her line for 10 years.

Once a salmon is hooked, it will cling to the boat's underside, trying to never let the line. Wilson let some line out and toyed with the fish until she finally got it alongside the boat.

"It took about 15 minutes to reel it in. I couldn't get it into the boat myself," Wilson says. "A seasoned fisherman could



Theresa Wilson (personnel and management development) displays her 21½-pound entry for the Stroh's Salmon Derby.

have done it, but it was just too big for me. A fish that size really fights."

Most fishing enthusiasts have the sport calculated to a science and swear that early morning is one of the best times to snag a prize-winning fish, according to Wilson. Though her group decided to start a little earlier the next morning with hopes of catching something even bigger, they came back with nothing.

The Stroh's Salmon Derby is held every summer along various Lake Michigan ports. Salmon weighing over 20 pounds are eligible.

"But you have to have a certificate to enter," Wilson explains.

Wilson enjoys cooking a variety of fish dishes and offers the following recipe for grilled salmon:

Preheat gas grill on high. Lightly butter both sides of salmon fillet. Salt and pepper to taste. Dice half of a sweet onion on top of fillet. Wrap in heavy foil. Place on grill, cover, reduce heat to medium. Cook for 10 minutes on the first side, six minutes on the second.